

Roswell, New Mexico – Monday, Congressman Harry Teague will attend events in the Alamogordo area.

Congressman Teague will begin the day at the official deployment ceremony for the remainder of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Battalion stationed at White Sands Missile Range. This military ceremony will serve as the official send off for the Battalion prior to their deployment to Afghanistan. This marks the first time the Battalion from WSMR has been deployed overseas, with one company already deployed to Iraq in November 2009. After the official ceremony, Congressman Teague will meet with those being deployed at a reception for the Soldiers, their families and guests.

Following the deployment ceremony, Congressman Teague will travel to Alamogordo for a Roundtable with Veterans to discuss legislation he has introduced to support veteran caregivers by assisting family caregivers that accompany veterans when they have to travel to be seen by a doctor. HR 2738, the Veterans' Family Caregiver Assistance Act would expand the Department of Veterans' Affairs authority to make per diem and lodging payments to family members caring for veterans that are receiving medical treatment.

Immediately following the roundtable, Congressman Teague will present Korean War Veteran J. Malcolm Yox with medals he never received for his courageous service. Enlisting in service to his country at 17 years of age, Mr. Yox served four years in the Navy during the Korean War aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, then the Capital Ship in the U.S. Fleet, and assisted the Marines at the Battle of Inchon.

Congressman Teague will present Mr. Yox with the Navy Good Conduct Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, Korean Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Stars), United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea War Service Medal and Discharge Button. Mr. Yox will be joined at the ceremony by his wife of 55 years, Rosanne. The ceremony is open to the public and will be held at V.F.W. post 7686.

At the conclusion of the medal ceremony, Congressman Teague will visit Zia Therapy in Alamogordo. Zia Therapy provides public transportation services for the city of Alamogordo and has recently received over \$344,000 in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Zia Therapy has used these funds to purchase additional buses, build 15 bus stop shelters and buy additional equipment for the operation of buses in Alamogordo. Congressman Teague will tour Zia Therapy's facility and hear about the work they do in caring for people with disabilities. Congressman Teague will also discuss Zia Therapy's role in providing public transit for Alamogordo and how the Recovery Act Funds have aided their operations. After the tour, Congressman Teague will ride one of the Alamogordo bus routes and meet with constituents making use of bus service.

All interested media are invited to attend all events.

**Monday, April 12th, 2010**

**What:** White Sands Missile Range Deployment Ceremony

**Where:** WSMR Volunteer Park (located in main cantonment area)

**When:** 10:45 AM – 12:45 PM

**What:** Veterans Caregivers Roundtable

**Where:** VFW Post 7686, 700 HWY 70 West, Alamogordo

**When:** 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

**What:** Veterans Medal Presentation Ceremony

**Where:** VFW Post 7686, 700 HWY 70 West, Alamogordo

**When:** 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

**What:** Tour of Zia Therapy Center, Ride Alamogordo Bus

**Where:** Zia Therapy Center, 900 First Street, Alamogordo

**When:** 3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

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